PURCHASE OF POWER FROM THE P. H. E. PROJECT BY THE COCHIN GOVERNMENT.

PRESIDENT: Honourable members will, I am sure, be glad to learn that this Government have received information that the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Cochin have approved the scheme for the purchase of power by the Cochin Government from the Pallivasal Hydro Electric works. This is one more instance of the way in which active sympathy and helpful co-operation have been evinced by the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Cochin to whom our sincere thanks are due.

Order. Order. I am now going to the budget grants.

DEMAND II—LAND REVENUE AND TAXES ON INCOME.

(continued.)

Motion No. 8. *(Continued)*

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: Sir, it will not be advisable to allow a low paid clerk in the Division Cutcherry or the taluk office to give information to the public on official matters. If one clerk is appointed for this purpose he won't be able to give information relating to all the Sections without reference to the clerks dealing with those subjects, and sometimes it may so happen that confidential information is given out due to the indiscretion of the clerk and therefore the proposal is unworkable.

The public may get all possible information from the responsible officers like the Division Peishkar or the Sheristadar or the Tahsildar or his Deputy.

MR. P. V. MATHAI CHEMPARATHY (*Meenachil* cum *Todupuzha*); I do not press the motion, Sir.

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion No. 9.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI; Sir, I move

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 11,250 for travelling allowance by Re. 1.

(To discuss the desirability of granting a remission of 50 per cent of the land tax.)

The ryots are in a miserable condition at present. The prices of the argicultural products have considerably fallen, especially the products that are exported from our country. Even under ordinary conditions, the cultivators are not able to produce the normal yield from their property. Combined with this, there is the occasional failure of crops either due to want of rain or due to excess of rain. The economic depression continued unabated and it is further augmented by the present war situation.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I may be permitted to point out that strictly this motion cannot be moved now.

PRESIDENT: How does the honourable member justify his motion for a remission of 50 % of the land tax under the heading of Division Cutcherries? I rule the motion out of order.

Motion No. 10

The following motion was not moved:

MR. G. VEDU PILLAI:

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 11,250 for Travelling allowances by Re. 1.

Motion No. 11.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN:

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 11,250 for Travelling allowances by Re. 1.

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